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Animal birth control centre most unscientific facility in Bengaluru, visitors say; 'dogs kept in unhygienic conditions not fed properly'

DOGGONE DILEMMA

Around 600 surgeries done per month at ABC unit

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It seems all is not well at the animal birth control (ABC) centre situated adjacent to the Sumanahalli crematorium. One has to think twice even to go near the ABC centre due to the bad odour and unhygienic conditions on the premises. There are a few ferocious, barking canines on the premises too.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has assigned ASRA, a non-governmental organisation, to conduct birth control surgeries for stray dogs from Rajarajeshwari Nagar zone. On an average, around 600 surgeries are being done per month at this ABC centre.

Many, who happened to visit the ABC centre, said it is the most unscientific ABC facility in the city. People working at the pet crematorium said the place was clean and neat till the ABC centre was set up.

"We have to use the same entrance to come to the pet crematorium. There was no garbage or nuisance till the ABC centre was set up. Now, the ABC centre has not only

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Two container homes that accommodate 10 workers of the ABC centre; (Inset) Dogs inside the centre

"We have imposed a penalty on the service provider for negligence. We will not tolerate negligence and apathy in maintaining the ABC centre

— Dr KV Trilok Chandra, special commissioner (health), BBMP

Lake fever

Residents claim inauguration of lake premises done in haste amid election fever

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The poor quality of construction around the Somasundarapalya Lake has the residents of HSR Layout up in arms. The recently inaugurated lake has an unfinished playground and park within the premises. The residents claimed the inauguration was done in haste amidst the election fever.

"For a very long time, the lake has been facing a lot of problems — encroachment, for instance. Although the government has sanctioned grants twice for the development, the lake has remained underdeveloped for a long time. Despite the existing situation, the authorities of the residential area have inaugurated the under-constructed area 3-4 times. The back end of the lake remains under-constructed," said Madhusudan, a resident of the area.

Residents believe if the money spent on the inauguration had been invested in the development of the lake, the lake's premises would have been developed ages ago. Adding to the existing trouble, the KCDC (Karnataka Compost Development Corporation) located behind the lake has been releasing unbearable stench that spreads up to a 4-5 km radius. Residents said the high court has issued an order to unplug the electric connections at KCDC.

A resident of the area who wished to remain anonymous told BM that

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 A slice of saaz

Welcome to an evening of music at Lahe Lahe. Come along and be part of this session of amazing singers/ bands from the city and get mesmerised by their music. **Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar When: April 2, 6-8 pm**

02 Film for thought

At a time when we are spoilt for choice on what to watch, the best movies don't make it to streaming. And nothing beats the communal experience of watching a movie together. This month we will be screening "Under The Silver Lake" (2018). Sam is a disenchanted 33-year-old who discovers a mysterious woman, Sarah, frolicking in his apartment's swimming pool. When she vanishes, Sam embarks on a surreal quest across Los Angeles to decode the secret behind her disappearance, leading him into the murkiest depths of mystery, scandal, and conspiracy in the City of Angels.
Where: Atta Galatta; When: March 31, 7 PM- 9:30 PM; Contact: 9964826055

03 Paradoxical questions

Dancer Navia Natarajan presents her latest Solo production titled "Virodhabhasa – Paradox". The world we inhabit is itself a paradox for it is both real and an appearance: Maya. And so, to better appreciate this world, one needs to look more deeply at what seems like opposites or contradictions. This work is Navia Natarajan's ongoing attempt to investigate the profound nature of Paradox.
Where: Bangalore International Centre; When: April 7, 7 pm; Info: 9538015436

Want to link Aadhaar and PAN cards? Just DYI, folks!

Many say cyber centres fleecing them for linking Aadhaar and PAN cards

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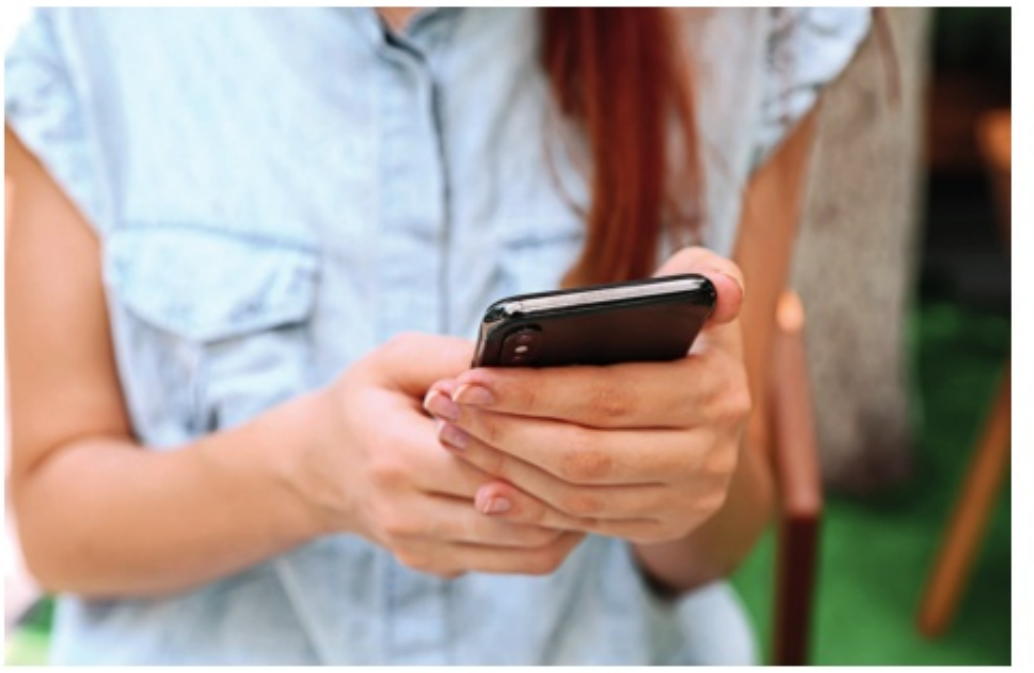

Cyber centres in Bengaluru are doing brisk business with people flocking to link their Aadhaar and PAN cards. But several Bengalureans are unhappy with the process, saying that they are being fleeced by the centre owners.

Mandara S, who works in Peenya industrial area wanted to link his Aadhaar and PAN cards, and like many others, he visited a cyber centre recently where he was told that he would have to pay Rs 1,200. When he asked the reason, the cyber centre owner said that he has to pay a fine of Rs 1,000 for the delayed process and Rs 200 as service charge fee for getting the work done. "I wonder why I should pay Rs 200 for a 10-minute work," he grumbled.

Ramesha R, who works as a daily wage labourer, said that not everyone is well versed digitally for these kinds of work. "I still use a basic phone and hence need to depend on others. I request the Income Tax authorities to set up help desks where the linking can be done free of cost for people like me who don't have any knowledge about using smartphones."

Meanwhile, the Finance Department in a communiqué issued on Tuesday said that the date for linking PAN and Aadhaar has been extended to June 30, 2023. This has been done to provide some more time to the taxpayers.

Under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, every person who has been allotted a PAN as on 1st July, 2017 and is eligible to obtain Aadhaar number, is required to intimate his Aadhaar to the prescribed authority on or before March 31, 2023, on payment of a prescribed fee.

"Failure to do so shall attract certain repercussions under the Act from 1st April, 2023. The date for intimating Aadhaar to the prescribed authority for the purpose of linking PAN and Aadhaar has now been extended to 30th June, 2023," a release said.

The release further stated that from July 1, 2023, the PAN of taxpayers who have failed to intimate their Aadhaar, as required, shall become inoperative and the consequences during the period that PAN remains inoperative will be as follows and no refund shall be made against such PANs.

> **"The Income Tax authorities should set up help desks to help those who don't know how to use smartphones**
> – Ramesha R, a daily wage worker

"Interest shall not be payable on such refund for the period during which PAN remains inoperative and TDS and TCS shall be deducted /collected at higher rate, as provided in the Act. The PAN can be made operative again in 30 days, upon intimation of Aadhaar to the prescribed authority after payment of fee of Rs.1,000. Those persons who have been exempted from PAN-Aadhaar linking will not be liable to the consequences mentioned above.

This category includes those residing in specified States, a non-resident as per the Act, an individual who is not a citizen of India or individuals of the age of eighty years or more at any time during the previous year. It is stated that more than 51 crore PANs have already been linked with Aadhaar till date," the release added.

Ethiopian kids who are happy at heart

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Bengaluru's Jaydeva Hospital has given a new lease of life to several children from Ethiopia suffering from congenital heart disease (CHD). With a mission to help 20 children for the treatment of open-heart surgery, the RC Bangalore Midtown and RI District 3190's Needy Heart Foundation (RNHF) and providing the necessary support by bringing in children from Ethiopia for CHD treatment and are funding the cause.

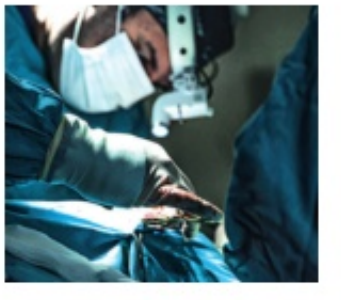
In December last year, over four children were successfully treated and had recovered for the CHD and in the recent batch, five more children were treated over 12 with success.

Three children: a 13-year-old boy, Abel Fitsum, a 12-year-old girl, Yeabsira Dereje, and sic-year-old male, Juweriya Abdul Feta, underwent the ventricular septal defect (VSD) open heart surgery. While six -year-old boy Barkot Dawit underwent intracardiac repair (ICR) surgery, 19-year-old female Betselot Tadesse was treated for Tetralogy of Fallot.

Dr Manjunath, one of the doctors who treated the kids, said, "CHD is a defect in the heart's structure that is present at birth. In CHD, children can succumb at 10-15 years of their age. The common symptoms of CHD in children are: recurrent chest infection, frequent cough, pneumonia, blue discolouration of body, fatigue and another sign is that the child repeatedly goes into a squatting position."

So far, Rotarian Bimal Desai has sponsored eight surgeries and Rotarian FR Singhvi has sponsored two surgeries.

Dr Manjunath added that once the children are treated successfully, they will not have any problem again. Most of them will not even require long term medication and will be able to live an active lifestyle for a long time. Currently the children are admitted in a semi special ward which has three beds in a ward. This way the children can get along and be together and not get bored.



Atul Kaushal, President, Rotary Club of Bangalore Midtown said, "Since 2001, the district has sponsored over 10,000 heart surgeries. Every year the club sponsors treatment for one lakh patients. This year our emphasis is on corrective surgeries for congenital anomalies including heart, and cleft lip and palate."

Woman arrested for using her children to sell drugs

Kalasipalya police have arrested a woman who was using her children for selling marijuana.

The woman's husband was also arrested by the JJ Nagar police for selling drugs 6 months ago. Nagma knew about her husband's business, and later she continued selling drugs like her husband.

She was making money by bringing marijuana from Visakhapatnam and selling it in Bengaluru for double the money. After getting information about Nagma's business, the police arrested Nagma and sent her to jail.

According to the police, Nagma was using children to bring drugs from Visakhapatnam. She was using children to smuggle drugs and to escape from the police.

Normally, the police do not check children's bags on the train. Nagma used this to her advantage.

The police have seized 26 kg of marijuana worth Rs 13 lakh from her. Currently, the husband and wife are in jail and the children are with their grandmother. —BMB

Deadly fight between 2 rowdy sheeters goes viral

A rowdy sheeter attacked another rowdy sheeter by the name, Lodde Praveen, in public and attempted to kill him. The incident took place in Chamrajpet.

The incident took place two days ago and came to light later. About six people attacked him with weapons. According to the sources, Praveen was injured in the incident and was later treated in a hospital.

The police have expressed suspicion that the attack was due to a financial matter.

Scenes of the attack were captured on the CCTV at the spot and a case has been registered in Kempegowda Nagar police station regarding the incident.

The video which showed Lodde Praveen being attacked by KD Manja and his accomplices has gone viral on social media. —BMB

MLA handed to Lokayukta police

BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa, who was arrested on Monday night in connection with bribery for tender scandal, was ordered into police custody until April 1.

Judge B Jayanth Kumar of the Special Court for People's Representatives issued the directive. The Lokayukta investigators will now question Virupakshappa, who is the main accused in the corruption case.

The Lokayukta's attorney requested ten days of custody for the investigation, while the MLA's attorney requested bail on the grounds that the MLA was ill. —BMB

Phishing traps on top

Karnataka sees increase of 200% in bank frauds in past 2 years, say experts

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K'taka reported 3,571 cases of bank frauds in the fiscal year 2021-2022, reveals Finance Ministry

Aditi, a resident of Mugeshpalya, recently got an email from her bank, asking her to share a one-time password (OTP) that was shared online.

"I didn't cross check as it seemed authentic. It said that it is just for some verification and I have to share the OTP. Because I was in a hurry and didn't verify, I shared the OTP and money was deducted from my account," she said.

Aditi is just one of the many victims of bank-related frauds in the state.

According to the Finance Ministry's revelation in the Parliament, Karnataka reported 3,571 cases of bank frauds in the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Experts say that a maximum of such cases are phishing attacks. These attacks refer to stealing sensitive information like credit card numbers and bank account information.

The data shows the number of cases reported by banks to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the category of card/internet ATM/debit, credit card, and internet banking. It also shows that Rs 21.40 crore was involved in banking fraud in Karnataka in the year 2021-22.

The amount of money involved in banking fraud has seen a significant increase. In 2020-21, the state recorded a total of Rs 14.81 crore involved in online banking, which saw an increase of 44.49 per cent in 2021-22.

People working in banks say that there is an increase in fraud cases post covid.

Riya Kakkar, who works in the fraud department of Citibank, said, "As per the industry standards, there has been an increase of 200 per cent in bank frauds in the past 2 years. There are different types of banking frauds like account take over, online fraud, and card cloning. Consumers are advised not to share any OTP or click on any link."

Further, Vinayak Rudrakshi, bank manager of Kotak Mahindra Bank told Bangalore Mirror that most of the frauds that banks are witnessing are phishing attacks and password sharing.

"Usually hackers will call people and encourage customers to give OTP, and they do false advertisements like lottery winning, and asking people to send money to get the reward. Not only banks but RBI is also creating awareness stating that no bank will ask for OTP or personal information from the customer," he said.

According to the police, there has been an increase in cyber crimes related to banks and finance in the last 2 years.

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A day immersed in Sthree power

Is it enough to call a woman just that, goes a saying in Kannada. It is true that women just don't make the numbers but are the power behind the success of the society and community.

This was visible in the VK Sthree Sambhrama program organised by Vijay Karnataka, state's No.1 and most read newspaper. The program was organised on the occasion of Women's Day, one got to see and experience the many achievements of the empowered women in the society.

By honouring women achievers in six different fields, it was proved that women are the confluence of all three powers – will power, action power, knowledge power. This program demonstrated that women are not just confined to four walls of the home but can achieve many things in life.

The six achievers felicitated in the program told the story of how they have overcome all obstacles in their field to see success.

Their confidence and determination to move forward were reflected in every small step they took in their journey.

It was also the day when a woman declared that every day is her own, every moment is her own. For the first time Vijay Karnataka organized this program exclusively for women on the occasion of Women's Day and it was literally a manifestation of Nari Shakti.

This event provided a platform for the women of Bangalore to showcase their talents and opened up an opportunity for them to celebrate their journey.

From left, standing: Ms. Sushmitha Patil, Mrs. Parvathi A, Mrs. Sakamma K Shetty, Dr. Divya Rangenahalli, Dr. Sunitha Manjunath, Mrs. Vidya Nagasampige (Sitting) Actress Priyanka Upendra, Artiste Vyjayanthi Kashi, Dr. T A Sharavana and VK editor Sudarshan Channangihally

A young and successful business woman, Dr. Divya Rangenahalli

Instead of working for someone else, this entrepreneur started her own venture

Why work elsewhere, when you can start your own company? That is exactly what Dr. Divya Rangenahalli did when she started her own company called Media Connect. She is today providing employment to many professionals.

Dr. Divya Rangenahalli, CEO of Media Connect, is a successful businesswoman with more than ten years of experience in the field of public relations.

Currently, she is heading Poll House, an election strategy initiative started by local Kannadigas, and has assigned a team of skilled election strategists and is responsible for managing former CM Siddaramaiah's war room in Kolar.

In addition to this, she handles social media management, campaign plans and digital branding work of many political leaders through Media Connect and Poll House.

Within a short span of starting her career, she made impressive strides in the field of journalism and later based on the experience gained, she founded Media Connect. Good business acumen, proactive ideas, excellent communication skills and sharp writing has played an important role in her progress. Today, she is counted as one of the leading media consultants in the country.

Today she is the most sought after branding professional for many companies in their advertising, marketing campaigns, content creation, social media management, event management and also film production.

Dr. Divya has worked in various capacities with leading government and private organisations. Mainly part of many projects for Government of Karnataka (2016-18), Vision Karnataka 2020 and also for the Election Commission of India (Karnataka Election 2018).

> **"Good business acumen, proactive ideas and sharp writing played an important role in her progress. Today, she is among the leading media consultants in the country**
> –Dr. Divya Rangenahalli

Divya's organisation has successfully worked for many leading private organizations of the country.

Career Experiences: As the CEO of Media Connect, she has excelled in the field of public relations for the last several years. She has helped hundreds of organisations in many sectors including government departments, private hospitals, educational institutes, fashion, sports, automobile etc. by providing promotional strategies.

As part of going organic: She has promoted organic farming in many parts of the state. She has associated herself with many programs to bring Kannada literature and culture to the fore.

Divya's achievement in the male-dominated field of political strategy is unique. She has drawn political strategies for politicians including Chief Ministers, ministers and MLAs. Divya is also capable of handling any critical campaign successfully.

Dr. Divya Rangenahalli was felicitated and honoured at the VK Sthree Sambhrama function organized by Vijay Karnataka as part of International Women's Day.

Dr. Sunitha Manjunath, a life dedicated to service

With mind open to selfless service, she has changed hundreds of lives for the better

Sunitha Manjunath has received many awards including Rajyotsava Award for her service through Sumana Foundation.

A beautiful and conscious mind is needed to do social service. There should not be any scope for self, and one should only be service minded. Keeping this in mind, she took the first letters of the Kannada phrase Sundara Manasina Naagarikaru (Beautiful minded citizens) and started the Sumana Foundation. Established in 2015, the foundation has gone on to serve in sectors like housing, cleanliness, education, language, food, basic facilities and so on.

Being a staunch Kannadiga, she has developed a government school with the motto of Kannada Ulisi Kannada Belasi.

100 backward schools of the state have been targeted to be developed under this scheme and 55 schools have already been renovated. Under this scheme, school buildings are spruced up and repainted and basic infrastructure is given.

Uniforms and note books too have been given to the children.

By organising health camps every week, regular health check-ups, medicines and even surgeries for those needed are being done to the poor. Along with this, the foundation has helped nearly 10,000 people get the central government sponsored Ayushman health card.

The foundation regularly organises blood donation camps and has distributed umbrellas for Street vendors to protect them from the heat and rain. More than 300 localities have been cleaned up under Swachh Bharat Sundar Nagar Abhiyan. More than 25 bus stands have been renovated and many crematoriums have been cleaned up by the volunteers of the foundation. They are working with emphasis on health camps and women empowerment. Sunitha believes education is the greatest charity. There is no greater service than helping young minds acquire proper education. Since education only can create a worthy and a good citizen, it is of paramount importance. With this in mind, Dr. Sunitha Manjunath is in the forefront of educating young children, She runs four educational institutions and is providing free education to hundreds of kids.

> **"Daily Anna Dasoha is conducted by the foundation. Food is provided daily at a assigned spot. We plan to build 25 houses for the poor and have already completed three of them**
> – Dr. Sunitha Manjunath

Since her marriage to Manjunath in 2011, she is successfully leading the Radhakrishna Public School run under his Channakeshava Datti Educational Institution. Dr. Sunitha Manjunath, who is also active in politics, dreams of becoming a good leader in the near future.

Dr. Sunitha Manjunath was felicitated and honoured at the VK Sthree Sambhrama function organised by Vijay Karnataka as part of International Women's Day.

Cheer-leaders at a unique arena to unleash girl power

'Women should be confident. Only then can you achieve success in life. In the past, women were reluctant to enter the public arena. But, times have changed now. They are making a name globally'

VK Sthree Sambhrama, a program to recognise women achievers, was organised recently by Vijay Karnataka in partnership with Shree Sai Gold Palace.

Women from different parts of the garden city not only came in large numbers but also participated actively throughout the day as if it was a function in their home.

The participation of successful women, in particular, and the honour given to them was the highlight of the program.

Veteran Kuchipudi artiste Vyjayanthi Kashi, actress Priyanka Upendra and owner of Shree Sai Gold Palace Dr. T.A. Sharavana honoured the achievers.

"Women are the eyes of the family and society. Without women, there is nothing in life," said Dr. T. A. Sharavana, a member of the Legislative Council. "In a male-dominated society, the glorious achievements of women are no less. Such achievers are role models for the women community. Everyone has dreams in life, but many won't get the opportunity to showcase their talents. Vijay Karnataka has created a suitable platform for unveiling the talents of women," he said.

Women from all corners of the state have come and showcased achievements here. Victory and defeat should be accepted equally in competition, he said.

"Women should be confident. Only then can you achieve success in life. In the past, women were reluctant to enter the public arena.

But, times have changed now. Women who were confined to the kitchen are making history globally," said choreographer Vyjayanthi Kashi.

Actress Priyanka Upendra said, "Women are moving forward in all fields today. Let the same inspiration and enthusiasm arise in everyone. Let it be encouraged in society."

Ms. Sushmita Patil
MD, Nandhini Masala, ABDV Foods Pvt. Ltd.
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Mrs. Vidya Nagasampige
Co-Founder, Balaji Gems & Diamonds
Category: Gems & Jewels

Sushmita Patil, An innovator ready to takeoff in the food industry

This innovative business leader believes in creating versatile, healthy options to spice up life

An educated woman is an asset to her family and society. When I say educated, I do not strictly limit it to women who have a college degree but I also include those who weren't so fortunate, yet possess the and eagerness to learn and think how their knowledge can be used practically. As opposed to stereotypes associated with women's capabilities, there are many out there who are trying their best to shatter the glass ceiling," says Sushmita Patil.

Born to a family hailing from North Karnataka, being tough in the face of adversity has been my mantra. I studied in Jain International Residential School, Kanakapura for ten years where I had to stay in the hostel. Being a good student, sports was one of the areas where I participated. This radically developed independent thinking, leadership skills and a high regard for teamwork.

"Much of success also depends on who we keep in our inner circle as friends. This has been true in my life where my best friend played a critical role of advising me to stay focused and think rationally about the decisions I make.
–Sushmita Patil

Thereafter, I pursued a degree in Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in CMS college in the city. Later my parents encouraged me to study abroad. Although studying in a foreign university has its own perks, it did not appear feasible in the long run where I would spend the rest of my life repaying the student loan. Instead, I decided to get into the world of food business as I am passionate about food coupled with my brother's experience in the field.

I started ABDV Foods Private Limited, a food products conglomerate with four other directors, namely Anjaneya Dhotre, Bharat Patil, Vishal Nirani and Dhanush Shrinivas along with Prabhu as the GM. We launched Nandhini Masala, a brand that has become a household name in India for its quality spices and masala. To cater to the expectations of our customers, we spent months researching, testing and refining our products to ensure that they were of the highest quality. My team has worked with local farmers to source the best spices and employed a significant number of women for packaging, labelling and distribution of our products. This has not only provided an employment opportunity for these women but has given them the confidence to be financially independent. I guarantee that our masala is a versatile and healthy option. Do give it a try to experience the rich and diverse flavours of India.

Women today are equal partners to men who take care of the family and work hard. My father A S Patil Nadahalli is my superhero and my mother Mahadevi A. Patil were the people who shaped my personality. My brothers Bharat Patil, Sharath Patil, Sunil Patil are key to my growth." Sushmita Patil was felicitated and honoured at the VK Sthree Sambhrama function organised by Vijay Karnataka as part of International Women's Day.

Vidya Nagasampige, a trusted hand in jewellery design and gemmology

She is an extraordinary achiever who gave up the conventional path to chart her own course

Optimism is the elixir of life and a tonic for higher achievements. Vidya Nagasampige is one such individual who has made a mark with the quality of service she renders in the field of jewellery.

The achievements of Vidya are extraordinary. Be it social, intellectual, economic, she has excelled in every field. Vidya, who was very smart in studies, could have got a good government job if she had wanted.

But, she was attracted towards doing business even during her student life. It was for this reason that immediately after completing her education she joined Balaji Gems and Diamonds, run by her father Shri Vijayendra Acharya Nagasampige. She took up a course in Gemmology and Diamond Grading at the Diamond Hallmarking Centre in Kerala.

"After my education, I ventured into industry as I believe that life should be like the bright sun and the shining full moon and not like a cloudy sky that covers the sun
–Vidya Nagasampige
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Later, she studied metallurgy in Bangalore. Since astro-gemmology and metallurgy are complementary fields, it greatly influenced her thought process. She is credited with starting the first Gems Testing Laboratory in Bagalkot, Karnataka.

Vidya never looked back after entering the professional sphere. She successfully demonstrated that if quality service is provided, customer satisfaction and respect can be guaranteed.

As co-founder of Balaji Gems and Diamonds, she is the driving force of the company.

The science of astrology

Being an astro gemologist and a metallurgist, Vidya has identified very rare gems and donated them to various mutts and temples. She has also done scientific study in astrology and gives advice on who should wear which gem and how. Along with this, being an expert in the field of jewellery she has also made customised handcrafted jewellery according to the customer's satisfaction.

The field of jewels, crystals, pearls is based on faith. Vidya had all the achievements and credibility to complement such faith which enabled her to grow by the day. Today, she has emerged as a leading dealer in precious stones.

Being a dealer of precious gems from home and abroad, she has also made a name in the supply of pure gems and pearls.

After education, Vidya ventured into the industry as she believes that life should be bright and shining as the sun and not be clouded over.

Vidya Nagasampige was felicitated and honored at the VK Sthree Sambhrama function organised by Vijay Karnataka as part of International Women's Day.

Flyovers? Great. Flying over larger issues? No

Palike wants to construct five new flyovers in Bengaluru amid public criticism

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BBMP will take up various flyover projects including ones in Gokula Road near Mathikere, over Mehkri Circle underpass on Jayamahal Road, at the ORR – Pipeline Junction in Jalahalli, and at Sadashivanagar Police Station Circle

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has stated that it will construct five flyovers by 2023. However, many citizens are sceptical whether the civic agency will keep its promise as there are many delayed or incomplete projects. They believe that the project's design should be carefully planned so that it serves a long-term purpose.

BBMP's Special Commissioner (projects), PN Ravindra, said, "As announced in the budget, we will construct five flyovers this year." He added that this year, the civic agency will take up the construction of flyovers on Gokula Road near Mathikere at a cost of Rs 40 crore, at the Outer Ring Road – Pipeline Junction in Jalahalli at a cost of Rs 40 crore, over Mehkri Circle underpass on Jayamahal Road at a cost of Rs 65 crore, at Sadashivanagar Police Station Circle at a cost of Rs 40 crore, and additional vents at Yelahanka Raithara Santhe Road at a cost of Rs 25 crore.

Sunil Kumar, a resident of HMT Road, said that flyovers should be constructed in such a way that they serve people for a longer duration. The civic agency wants to construct a flyover at the Gokula Road junction for which there has been opposition from IISc as well, he said. "The BBMP was constructing a flyover at Yeshwanthpur junction a few decades ago.

It could have been designed in a way in which the Yeshwanthpur flyover was extended by another 500 meters to bypass the Gokula Road junction. If the project had been taken up then, there would have been no need for a new flyover now at a cost of Rs 40 crore. In fact, when the Yeshwanthpur flyover was opened, there was a traffic jam at Gokula Road junction, and the traffic pile-up would go on top of the flyover. To prevent this, city police had to ban the right turn for vehicles coming from Gokula Road. As a result, vehicles from Gokula Road to Yeshwanthpur have to take a two-km detour on top of the CNR Rao underpass," he said.

He also said that when the Mehkri Circle underpass was being constructed, a multi-tiered grade separator (like the Dairy Circle junction) could have been planned, as there was heavy vehicle movement between Jayamahal Road and CV Raman Avenue. The NHAI could also plan for a wider vent/underpass near Raitara Sante near Yelahanka. Currently, the vent is so small that the police have made it one-way, and vehicle users have to take a detour via Kogilu Cross.

> **"When the BBMP announces a project, we are worried whether the project will be completed on time**
> – Ramesh Reddy, resident

The above examples are classic cases where the projects need to be designed in such a way that they serve a longer purpose rather than constructing a grade separator that would require another grade separator to solve traffic issues.

Ramesh Reddy, a resident of Sadashivanagar, said, "When the BBMP announces a project, we are worried whether the project will be completed on time. There are numerous examples of stalled projects - the latest being the Jalahalli Cross underpass where a portion of land has been dug up without any other groundwork. The delay in construction affects the locals, and hence, we request the BBMP to complete all the formalities before taking up the project so that it can be completed on time."

7,000 eyes on city crime

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Cameras will be set up across numerous locations; As a part of the Safe City project, several 'safety islands' will also be created

Bengaluru will soon have cameras that can detect unidentified objects as well as crowd movement. The city is gearing up to have more than 7,000 video cameras at over 3,000 strategic locations. These cameras are equipped with artificial intelligence (AI) enabled systems. The AI-based video analytics platform will allow analysis of video feeds from across the city.

As a part of the project, numerous 'safety islands' will also be set up. These safety islands will be well-lit and easily accessible public areas with uninterrupted surveillance. Women, girls, and other vulnerable groups can seek immediate assistance by contacting the department through an emergency call box at these locations. Additionally, the (112) emergency call will help establish a prompt incident response management system.

The next phase of the project will focus on further integrating these systems and technologies to create a more seamless and connected smart city experience for the citizens of Bangalore.

Real-time monitoring systems and proactive intelligence will be used and integrated into one big command centre as part of phase 2. The data gathered will help with making informed decisions. The Safe City project is a result of the collaboration between the central and state Government. S Badrinath, the DCP (Command Centre), said that this project was launched under the Nirbhaya fund to deploy technology to ensure the safety and security of women and children. Integrated support for women and children, a critical care response unit, and eight forensic vans are a part of this project. Women police staff have been trained at the General Thimayya National Academy of Adventure. Special training has been provided to 300 women constables who are members of a squad called the 'Rani Chennamma Pade'.

CH Pratap, Commissioner of Police, Bangalore, said, "The Bangalore Safe City project was launched with the vision of providing safety to women and children of our city. Bangalore is home to more than 11 million people, of which half are women. Part of this project is to use technology-driven facilities like CCTV cameras that support the infrastructure of the city to track any instances of crime."

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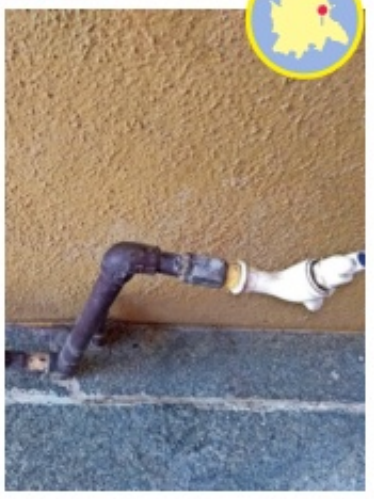

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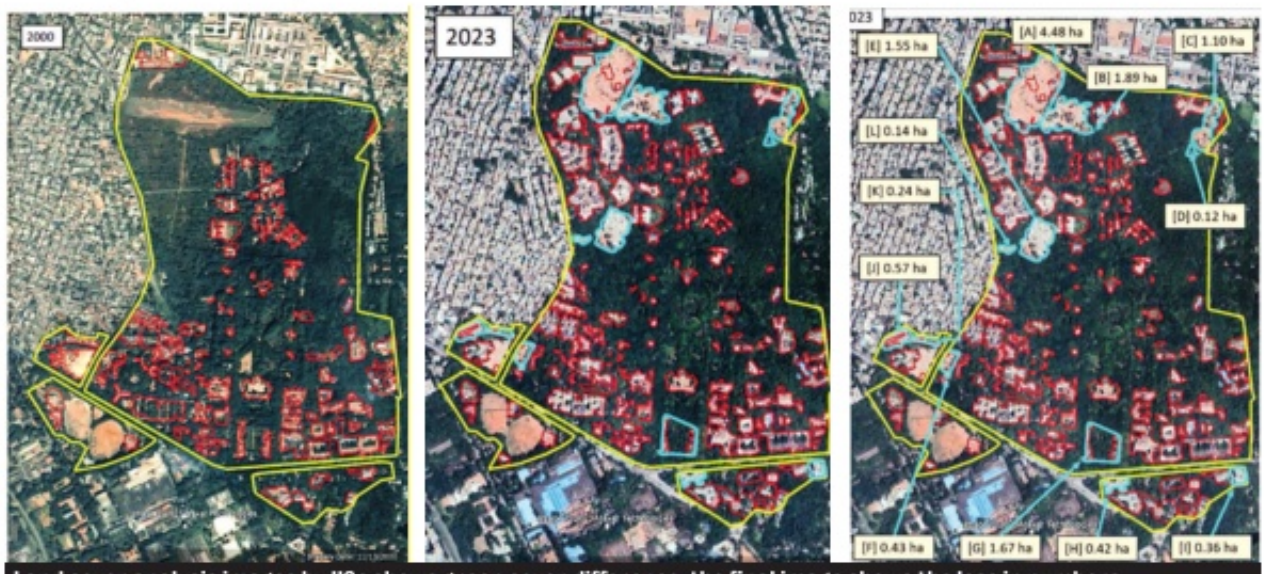
Data says IISc campus has lost nearly 13 hectares in tree cover in last 2 decades



Land cover analysis images by IISc shows green cover difference; the final image shows the loss in numbers

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In a little over the last two decades, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) campus has lost nearly 13 hectares of tree cover, equivalent to felling 1,588 trees, says a land cover analysis of the campus conducted by an internal team of researchers.

The land cover dynamic assessment, a copy of which is with BM, shows that between 1999 and 2023, 12.97 hectares of area under vegetation has given way to various development activities leading to a surge in the concrete surface.

"The assessment has been done to evaluate the damage that the campus has sustained over some time and the results are alarming. Acres of flat land has been created over the last few months, especially near the institute's faculty quarters. It is all happening to facilitate the postgraduate medical school along with an 800-bed multispecialty hospital that was announced last year," said a reliable source from the campus.

According to multiple sources, many faculty members on the campus have mixed opinions about the upcoming hospital building. They say a facility like the proposed hospital will have a detrimental impact not only on the green cover of campus but also on the city's traffic.

"We certainly do not require the facility on the Bengaluru campus. If it has to be set up, it should be done on the IISc's campus in Challakere, where there is hardly any development so far. The Bengaluru campus is already saturated with built-up areas. Moreover, it has limitations in terms of power consumption, water supply, and the impact of large-scale construction activity on traffic in the surrounding area will be nightmarish," said another source from the campus.

The land cover dynamic assessment also shows that the current land use dynamics of the campus are not in line with the Land Use Master Plan of the institute that was prepared back in 1992.

The master plan was prepared by a committee headed by Prof A Sridharan, former deputy director and advisor of IISc, after carrying out a detailed technical assessment of the campus. The idea was to provide important guidelines for future planning of the campus and to ensure that the unique character of the campus ecosystem and its greenery are not badly affected due to mindless development activities.

Sources from the institute allege that the current administration is carrying out multiple development activities without referring to the master plan and consulting with its stakeholders such as the faculty members and students.

"The current administration is not transparent and responsible and is not following a sustainable development path. Every project is discussed in a hush-hush environment and the faculty claim that they get to know only after work on these projects begins on the ground. This has left many faculty members concerned. The damage to the green cover on campus will soon change the microenvironment," said another source.

As per the sources, the IISc administration will be meeting the faculty members today (Wednesday) to discuss the ongoing development work on the campus. The faculty members say they are hoping that the administration will mend its way.

"The audacity and brazenness with which the development work is being taken up are astonishing. However, the faculty members have requested this meeting as they feel that they need to follow due process and approach before they scale up this issue," informed the source.

"It is sad to hear that IISc has lost so much green cover and the worst part is that the institute authorities are not open about it. Tree activists in the city look up to IISc as a role model. The institute has claimed for the last many years that it has the highest density of green cover across the city leading to lower temperatures and many of us have experienced the same," Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust.

> **"The worst part is that the authorities are not being open about it**
> —Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust

ED attaches assets worth over Rs 114 cr

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached properties worth Rs 114.19 crore pertaining to the various defaulter borrowers of Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 in connection with misappropriation of public deposits to the tune of more than Rs 800 crore.

According to a press release by the ED, the attached assets are in the form of 21 immovable properties consisting of vacant lands, residential houses, commercial and industrial buildings and movable properties in the form of bank balance of Rs 3.15 crore.

Earlier, the ED had attached movable and immovable properties belonging to the accused persons valuing to Rs 45.33 crore and the same was confirmed by the competent authority. The ED has also arrested four persons in the case including the then president of the bank.

The ED had initiated the investigation under PMLA in 2020 against various defaulter borrowers of the bank.

During the investigation, it was revealed that the defaulter borrowers had taken huge loans from the bank on the basis of bogus deposits and fake fixed deposits and siphoned off the money deposited by the public.

Most of the depositors of the bank are senior citizens who have deposited their retirement funds with the bank for their financial security in their dotage which was advanced to various persons by the bank without obtaining proper security of the loans. The borrowers who took the loans without giving adequate security, did not repay them and the loans become overdue. The bank management created fictitious loan accounts and transferred the money to these accounts which in turn was transferred to overdue loan accounts for evergreening purposes to show strong financial health of the bank to lure more depositors. **BMB**

ABC unit extension 'unscientific'

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become a nuisance but also a health hazard," said an employee working at the pet crematorium.

There are three structures to accommodate dogs brought for sterilisation and anti rabies vaccination. These structures have community kennels as well as separate kennels for dogs kept there for treatment and observation. However, the kennels are not sufficient for the dogs brought for sterilisation and rabies shots. There are only 12 individual kennels at the ABC centre.

"I consider the ABC centre at Sumanahalli as the most unscientific structure. Generally, an ABC centre should have sufficient space with a compound wall, so dogs that may escape from kennels would remain within the compound. However, this ABC centre has a rolling shutter which is not apt. When the workers open the rolling shutter, there is a possibility of dogs escaping from the centre," said SPCA member Sujaya Jagadish.

Deepthy MG, an advocate, said the BBMP has been extending the existing structure of the ABC centre vertically, which is unscientific.

"The ABC centre is not being maintained properly. Dogs kept under observation are not provided sufficient food. A few dogs are not able to have food due to one or two aggressive dogs. There is no one to supervise whether or not the dogs are fed properly," said Deepthy.

According to the document available with the Bangalore Mirror, the BBMP has assigned a contractor to extend the existing structure at an estimated cost of Rs 78.91 lakh.

"I wonder how the staff or dog handlers take dogs to the first floor or second floor of the building. Extension of the existing building vertically is unscientific. The surroundings of the ABC centre is unhygienic and smoke emitting from the crematorium will be a health hazard for dogs at the kennels," Deepthy added.

Meanwhile, Radha Amarnath of ASRA said the employees have been working hard to keep the ABC centre premises clean and neat. "We have been maintaining the ABC centre from February 2022. Prior to this, the ABC centre was functioning from a poultry farm. As of now, there are around 10 people working at the centre. We were compelled to withdraw one vehicle due to shortage of manpower. There is no provision for workers to stay at the centre except for the two container homes on the premises," said Amarnath.

She said animal activists as well as the BBMP officials are always welcome to visit the ABC centre any time. "The ABC centre is open for visitors, animal activists and the BBMP authorities. We want BBMP authorities' cooperation and support for the success of the ABC programme," she said.

However, Dr Manjunath Shinde, assistant director of BBMP animal husbandry department said the construction work is in progress for providing residential quarters and additional kennels for dogs.

BBMP special commissioner (health) Dr KV Trilok Chandra said that all measures would be taken to ensure the ABC centre is functioning satisfactorily. "We have imposed a penalty on the service provider for negligence. We will not tolerate negligence and apathy in maintaining the ABC centre," said Chandra.

It is learnt the ABC centre situated in Mahadevapura zone is expected to be shut down by March 31 as the property owner wants to demolish the existing structure and construct a new building. "We do not know where the BBMP will provide space or structure to continue the ABC programme in Mahadevapura zone," said Amarnath.

Toilet menace

There is a toilet set up for the benefit of the employees at the facility residing in container homes on the premises but the toilet does not have a water connection. The toilet has an overhead water tank but there is no water source. The other menace is the urinals fixed on the compound wall of the ABC centre.

"I will look into the matter of the lack of water facility for the toilet," said BBMP special commissioner Chandra.

Race to the lake premises

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the premises of the Somasundarapalya Lake consists of front as well as back gates. The area of the front gate has been well-constructed whereas the back gate has been left unattended.

"The construction of the footpath surrounding the lake is still incomplete. Even at the entrance, there is a lot of work pending. On the occasion of the inauguration programme, carpets were used at the entrance to cover up unfinished work," he added.

Kamesh, a local resident of the area pointed toward toxicity levels at the waterbody and said previously the residents had engaged an expert to test the level of contamination of the lake alongside the presence of BBMP officials. "The colour of the lake water had turned green due to contamination by sewage. Presently, the colour of the water has turned into a darker shade of green. The state of the lake is quite alarming," he added.

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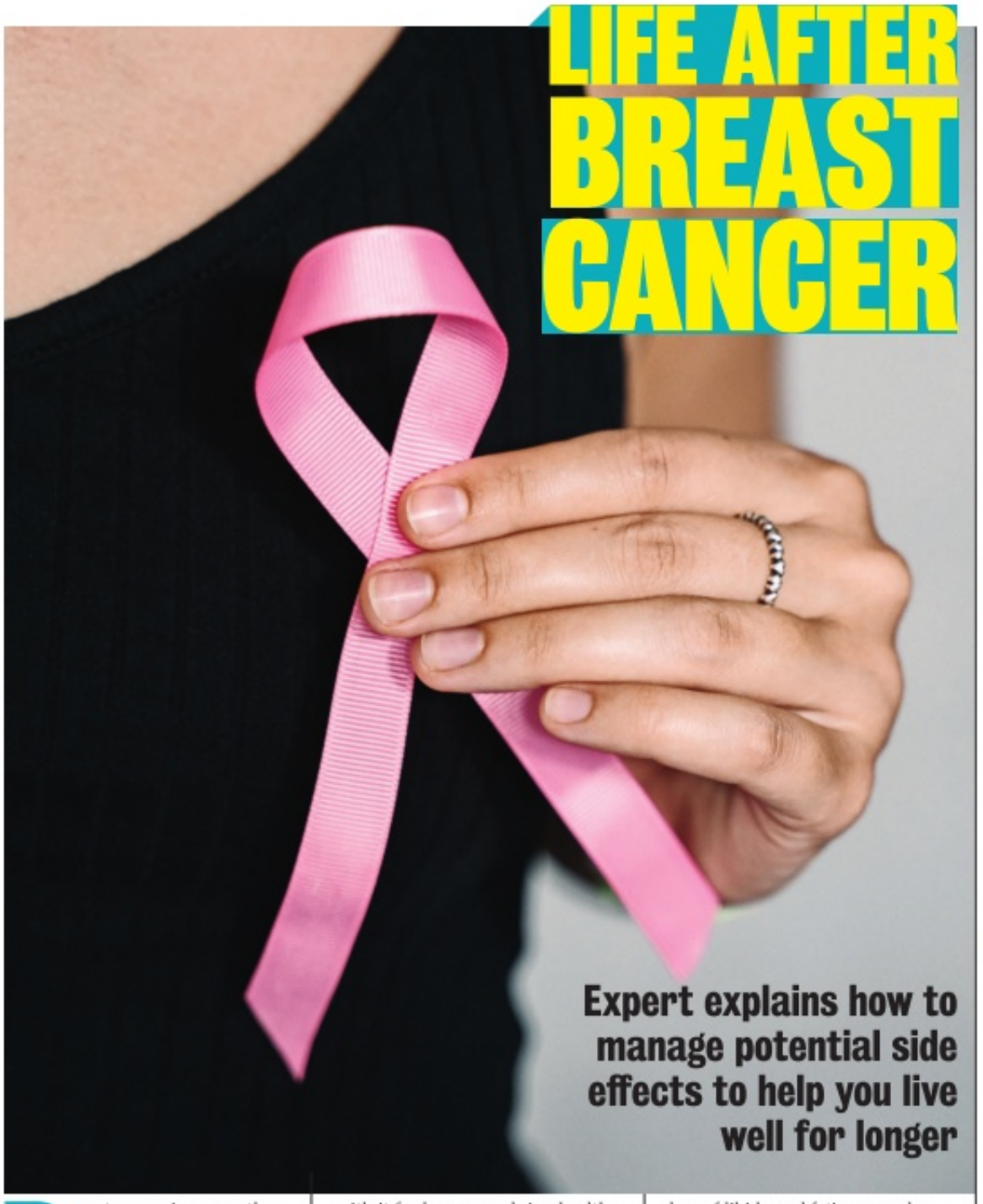


Expert explains how to manage potential side effects to help you live well for longer

Breast cancer is among the most common cancers among women, but a combination of earlier diagnosis and better treatment pathways mean there are also many breast cancer survivors.

But moving from active treatment - be that after surgery, radiotherapy or chemotherapy - to follow-up can be difficult to navigate. You go from seeing your medical team regularly, perhaps even once or twice a week, to every three months, six months or more.

As little as anyone enjoys treatment, and as positive as it is to need to be seen less often, there is a feeling of safety from being assessed regularly by your team.

The increasing time between appointments can be extremely anxiety inducing. This, with the worsening of fears in the lead-up to scans, can only increase worry.

Breast cancer survivorship is to be celebrated and everyone would hope that over time we will see more people than ever overcoming the disease. But to assume that once treatment is over everything goes back to normal does a disservice to those survivors.

Surviving breast cancer or living with it for longer can bring health issues of its own and we need more research into long-term health issues related to cancer treatment.

For now, those who are struggling should see their doctor, because there are ways to manage many of the issues that may occur.

Here are Dr Philippa Kaye's tips to living well after breast cancer...

Menopause symptoms

Breast cancer can occur at all ages and hormone treatments used to tackle the cancer, such as tamoxifen and aromatase inhibitors, can cause symptoms of the perimenopause and menopause.

This is because they block the production or effect of oestrogen, which regulates the menstrual cycle. However, even without hormone treatment, chemotherapy can affect the ovaries, causing a premature menopause. The ovaries may also be affected by radiotherapy, or removed surgically.

This can leave women battling many physical symptoms including hot flushes and sweats, joint pains and palpitations.

Psychological symptoms include low mood, depression and anxiety while issues such as insomnia, loss of libido and fatigue are also common. Infertility can occur after cancer treatment.

Symptoms can also affect the genitourinary system such as vaginal dryness/itching, painful sex and recurrent urinary tract infections.

There has been much written about the menopause and the potential benefits of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) on symptoms. But currently HRT should only be offered to breast cancer survivors in exceptional circumstances, after other treatments have been tried, and after discussion about potential risks and benefits.

What some women don't realise is that this guidance only refers to "whole body" or systemic HRT and not to vaginal oestrogen.

The latter is really effective for the genitourinary syndrome and does not have the same risks as it acts locally rather than being absorbed across the whole body. This means that generally it can be given to breast cancer survivors and can make a significant improvement to symptoms.

There are also non-hormonal treatments available such as antidepressants and anti-seizure medications.

Non-medication options such as cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and lifestyle measures such as exercise are also effective.

Lymphoedema

After cancer surgery there is a risk of developing lymphoedema, a build-up of lymphatic fluid. In breast cancer... patients, it can lead to swelling of the arm, hand and chest on the side of treatment, which may feel tight and uncomfortable, stiff or heavy.

To reduce your risk of getting lymphoedema you should: Exercise and keep active. Avoid too much salt in your diet and stay well hydrated at all times.

Avoid infection, which can increase your risk of lymphoedema.

Sunburn also increases risk, so use sunscreen regularly.

Try to avoid weight gain if possible.

Bone loss

Hormonal treatment used during breast cancer can block oestrogen leading to an increased risk of osteoporosis, which makes bones thinner and more fragile with an increased risk of fractures. This is most likely if you are on a hormone inhibitor as part of your treatment. If this is the case you may be offered a bone scan and, if appropriate, treatment.

It is important to take vitamin D, eat a calcium-rich diet and remember, weight-bearing activity is protective for healthy bones.

Fatigue

Tiredness is common after breast cancer treatment, with around four in every 10 women affected within the first five years. It is more common among those who have had chemotherapy .There are lots of reasons why this may occur but treatments such as peer support groups and CBT can be useful.

Physical activity actually helps fatigue, and also helps decrease recurrence.

Mental health

Developing cancer does not solely affect your physical health, it can take its toll on mental health as well. Low mood, depression , anxiety, loss of body confidence and OCD can all occur in relation to a cancer diagnosis. It is so important that you keep talking and get help if you need it.

There are lots of treatments available depending on the condition such as antidepressants, anti-anxiety medications and talking therapies.

The terms "brain fog" and "chemo brain" are not medical diagnoses, but are used by patients to describe difficulties with memory and concentration, forgetfulness or feeling their thoughts are murky or muddled.

This can occur on chemotherapy and beyond. It is not clear why this happens and in particular why it can persist even after treatment is finished.

Talking therapies, exercise, mindfulness and yoga may all be useful.

— Dr Philippa Kaye, GP, in Daily Mirror

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a 40-year-old man and I desperately want to ask my girlfriend to marry me, but I'm worried it's too soon and that being too keen will put her off. She's 31 and we've only been dating a year. I'm just not sure my girlfriend is at the same point as me and if I ask her and she says no, then I'm worried it'll be all over for us. I have mentioned marriage and even kids, and it hasn't scared her off, but her attitude is more maybe than definitely. What should I do?

COLEEN SAYS

Well, I think you have to ask yourself why marriage is so important to you and what's driving the desperation. Is it because you're 40 and you think it's what you should be doing?

Are you putting pressure on yourself because of where your mates are in their lives or because your parents are desperate for grandkids? Those aren't the right reasons.

If you're looking for a sense of security or certainty about the future, then there are no guarantees that marriage will sort it.

So, take a breath and ask yourself this – are you in love? Do you think this woman is 'the one'? And if those things are true, then what's the big rush? It doesn't mean you can't talk about marriage or babies while you carry on having fun and getting to know each other on a deeper level. You don't say if you live together, but I'm assuming not, so maybe that's a good next step to take.

If you don't think your girlfriend is at that point yet, then don't put her under pressure.

The danger with rushing through life, trying to get to the next milestone, is that you don't live in the present and about constantly...

Enjoy the journey. Keep the communication going and show her how committed you are to the relationship.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

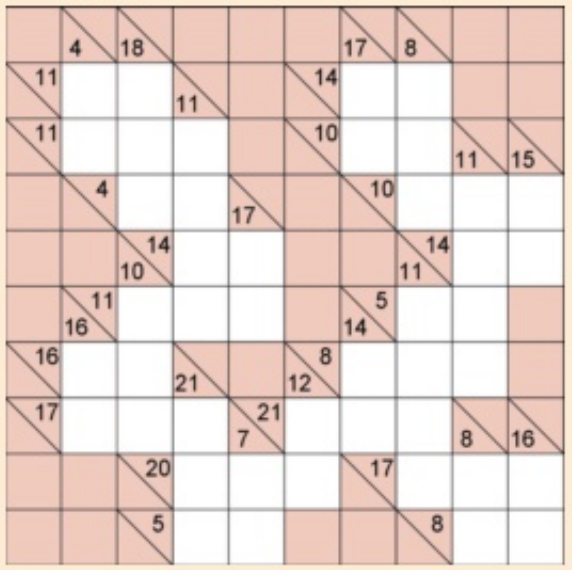
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

At 10 o'clock John started driving from point A to point B at 90 km/h. 20 minutes later Frank started driving from point B to point A at 60 km/h. The distance between points A and B is 120 km. What time did they meet? How far from point A?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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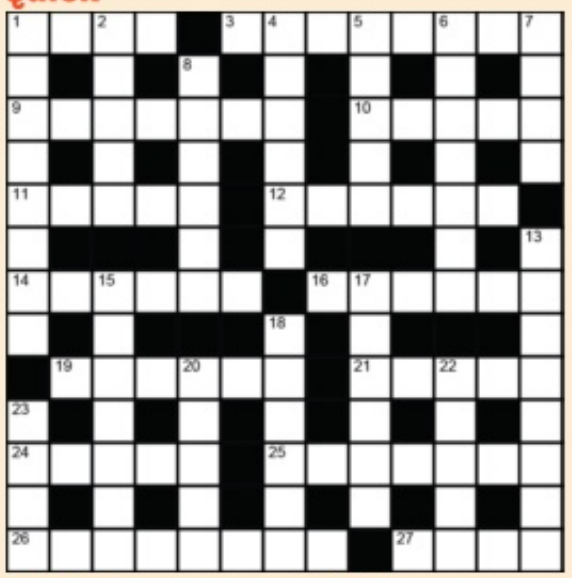


ACROSS

1 Song of praise (4)
3 One who kidnaps a child or takes away by illegal force or fraud (8)
9 Renaissance astronomer (7)
10 Smithy (5)
11 Incendiarism (5)
12 Concealed (6)
14 Wretched, contemptible (6)
16 Remote, some distance away (3,3)
19 Weaken (6)
21 To hurl or fling (5)
24 Urticaria (5)
25 African language (7)
26 Accuses, indicts (8)
27 Before as a prefix (4)

DOWN

1 Scottish New Year's Eve (8)
2 Beasts of burden (5)
4 Umbrella (6)
5 In poor shape (5)
6 Capital of Ontario (7)
7 Spool (4)
8 Institution for medical care (6)
13 Ivory colour (3-5)
15 Restaurant at the Leela Place (7)
17 Off track (6)
18 Prayer (6)
20 Very, musically (5)
22 Occupy the throne (5)
23 Mother of Zeus (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS G

XTFJANAY ATCTJ TSZFDPOP OZT RNAI.

Linemaro

You are'nt perfect; you are beyond perfect

Mindchow

There is no secret to balance, you just have to feel the waves

Joke of the day

I am so worried about identity theft that I have changed my name to Lance Armstrong. Nobody wants to be him now

Loop

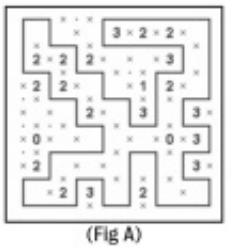
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

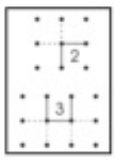
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

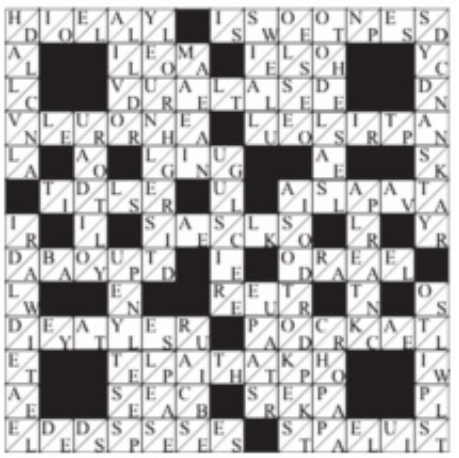


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

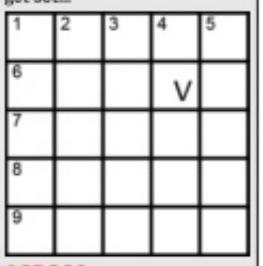
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 All do; 6 V Lara; 7 O ring; 8 Genoa; 9 Slope

DOWN

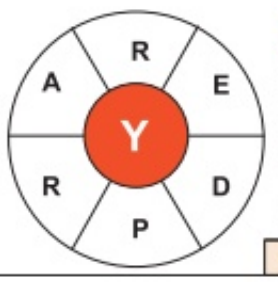
1 A gall; 2 Goral; 3 Do Pro; 4 Envoi; 5 Leans

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

7 5 6 6
5 4 3 4
2 9 4 ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; **16** Good; **18** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

7			6				1	3
				2				6
		6	4			9	2	
4	5			8				
	7						8	
				3			5	2
	4	5			7	3		
1				5				
9	2				3			1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 16: 2 5 6 7

Medium = 20: 1 6 7 7

Hard = 14: 4 7 9 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

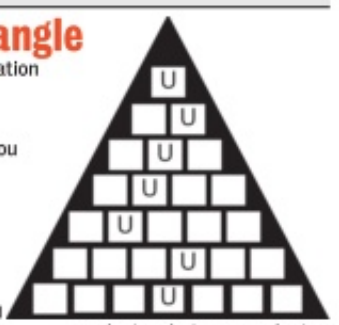
Differences: 1. Rug is moved. 2. Dresser is wider. 3. Headboard is larger. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Tie is different. 6. Lamp is missing.

Riddler

What common phrase is represented below?
IGAR CIGR CGAR CIGA CIAR

Alpha triangle

1 Universal, abbrevation
2 Et Brute
3 Brazil or cashew
4 Salad fish
5 Dad's sisters to you
6 Titan's orbit
7 Dispositions



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

THANKS FOR RUNNING LINES WITH ME AFTER REHEARSAL.
OF COURSE, MELANIE! AFTER ALL, AS MY UNDERSTUDY, MY LINES ARE YOUR LINES!
ACHOO!
BLESS YOU!
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT FEELING SICK.
NAH, MY BODY KNOWS NOT TO REHEARSE WHEN THERE'S A PLAY RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
WOW, REALLY? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
DELUSION. MOSTLY. MIND OVER MATTER!

Crankshaft

LOOK WHAT WE FOUND IN THAT BOX OF OLD BOOKS YOU TOLD US TO GO THROUGH.
OH, MY...
BLACK RAVEN
I'T LOOKS LIKE I MISSED A COMIC BOOK WHEN I SOLD MY OLD COMIC BOOKS TO THAT NICE COMIC SHOP OWNER IN WESTVIEW!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel healthy and old diseases may be cured. You may hear some good news from a relative, perform well in the office, and develop faith in your subordinate staff. It may increase your prestige among society. You may also hear good news in some legal matters.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You are likely to be busy with your children's education and career. You may hear good news in terms of academics, but love birds are advised to be patient in their relationships. Investors should avoid investing in risky assets, as they may convert into losses. It is advised to do meditation, yoga, or chant some mantras to come out of this typical situation.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dissatisfied and may not get the result of your hard work, leading to disappointment and sadness. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a contract or paper, and to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets. Your overwork may affect your domestic life; you may arrive late for family or social events.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may be busy with social gatherings and family occasions, which may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip, and disputes between siblings or friends may be resolved now. Your colleagues may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project, and you are likely to complete all tasks with self-confidence. You are advised to be patient while interacting with any person.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may implement some new plans into your family business, which may pay off in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social gatherings. You may spend to buy some creative artifact to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. Today, you may be careful with teeth, ears, eyes, nose, and skin issues.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and happiness may be around you, helping you to enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you to make difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip, and colleagues may support you to complete your work on time. Students may be more focused on their studies. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull, and sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to the health issues of your family member. Your expenditure on worthless stuff may affect your savings, and you may become a victim of conspiracy. So, it is advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your past investments may give you good profits, and you may get good results after easy work. Your obstacles may be resolved now, and your financial status may improve. New sources of income may be there, and couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You may get success easily after a little effort.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are likely to meet someone who may help you with positive growth in your business or work. Your destiny may help you, and your losses may convert into profits. Your financial health may be on track, and love birds are advised to take important decisions in terms of marriage. Singles may likely find their soul mate.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, situations are under control, and you are blessed by Jupiter. You may expect to get an important position or post in the office. You may be inclined towards religion and mythological facts and feel more confident in your way of working. It may make you stronger in thoughts, and you may also plan for an overseas tour.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull, which can affect your way of working. There may be some delays in completing your projects, which can also affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It's advised to avoid adventure tours or rush driving. Love birds may experience some breakups, and job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may perform your best in the office. You may have good bonding with the boss, and you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now, and you may receive good incentives for your work. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now, and job seekers may find a new job.

KIDZONE

Sudarsh V Kamath,
8 Years,
Airforce School

Sahana,
6 Years,
Srikumaran
Children's Home

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
90-20/60=30
120-30=90
Total Speed = 90+60=150
kmph
90/150*60 = 36 min
20+36 = 56 min
(90*56)/60 = 84 km
Therefore they will meet at 10.56 o' clock at a distance of 84 km fro point A

RIDDLER
Close, but no cigar.

FAST FIVE

L	O	P	E	S
A	G	O	N	E
G	R	O	I	N
L	A	R	V	A
A	L	D	O	L

QUOTE UNCODE
Learning never exhausts the mind.

STRIKE OUT

L	E	S	S	E	S		S	P	L	I	T			

QUICK

BULL'S EYE
apery, DRAPERY, dray, dreary, dryer, dyer, parry, payer, pray, prayed, prayer, prey, pyre, rayed, ready, repay, yard, year

MENSA PUZZLE
5: add the first three numbers in each row, then divide by 3 to obtain the final number; 2 + 9 + 4 = 15/3 = 5

SUDOKU

7	8	2	6	9	5	4	1	3
5	9	4	3	2	1	8	7	6
3	1	6	4	7	8	9	2	5
4	5	1	7	8	2	6	3	9
2	7	3	5	6	9	1	8	4
8	6	9	1	3	4	7	5	2
6	4	5	2	1	7	3	9	8
1	3	8	9	5	6	2	4	7
9	2	7	8	4	3	5	6	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, Tu, Nut, Tuna, Aunts, Saturn, Natures.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 5 + 6 − 2 = 16
Medium
7 + 6 x 1 + 7 = 20
Hard
7 − 9 + 4 x 7 = 14

LOOP

KAKURO

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Double the fun

Sensational Star Komal Kumar will be seen in a double role in the movie Yalakunni. The film's tagline is Mera Naam Vajramuni. The title is based on a dialogue – Yalakunni – frequently used by veteran actor late Vajramuni during his heyday. Vajramuni's grandson Akarsh debuts as an actor with this movie.

The movie's muhurat function was held at a temple in Vijayanagar recently. Vajramuni's family members were present on the occasion. His elder son Vishwanath sounded the clap board while Lakshmi Vajramuni switched on the camera. Karnataka Film Chambers of Commerce president Ba Ma Harish was the chief guest.

This is the first time Komal Kumar will be in a double role. "Director Pradeep has written a good script, screenplay and dialogues. The movie revolves around the incidents of 1981. There is a plan to put up a special set for this film," said Komal Kumar.

Pradeep, who has worked as an assistant director before, debuts as an independent director with this movie. Nisarga makes her debut as a heroine with this movie.

Power of talisman

Music director-cum-actor Laya Kokila aka Layendra Kokila has handled the megaphone for the movie Tayta (meaning talisman). Laya has acted in around 80 Kannada movies and composed music for 100 devotional albums and also worked as executive music director for around 40 Kannada movies.

The film's teaser was released through Jhankar Music. Karnataka Film Chambers of Commerce president Ba Ma Harish, veteran director Om Saiprakash, and actor Dharma were guests at the event.

"Generally, people will go to temples to get talismans that can get rid of nightmares or fear. This movie will be very interesting as it has horror, thrill, and comedy," said director Laya Kokila.

Riyan plays the lead while Harshina Poonacha is paired opposite him. Sadhu Kokila, Pushpa Swamy, Shahid, Shobaraj, and Laya Kokila are the cast.

Harshika said she plays Kushi in the movie. "The movie is about what happens to a group of college students who go on a tour, and how they return home," she said.

How's the scene

Amazing, says Samantha, who is gung-ho about her projects

South star Samantha Ruth Prabhu enjoys a tremendous fan following in Bollywood as well. The diva, who donned the role of a rakish antagonist in The Family Man season 2, alongside Manoj Bajpayee will soon be seen in the global spy series Citadel, opposite Varun Dhawan.

She also has Kushi with Vijay Deverakonda in the pipeline.

In a recent interview to Pinkvilla, the actor opened up on both the projects and how working in them has been a wholesome experience.

She said, "The two (projects) are starkly different from one another."

She also opened up on her co-stars Varun and Vijay and exclaimed, "they're both called VD, it's weird! I'm working with two VDs. But they're both amazing co-stars for sure. Both are very giving co-stars. I definitely draw from my co-stars. When they put up a great performance, it just makes me want to do my best and it pushes me to my limits so I think they are both incredible co-stars."

> **Every day it's like 'today's scene was amazing' and I think that's what keeps me going**

Samantha, who is still recovering from auto immune disease Myositis, opened up on how work has been a huge solace during this period. She added, "Every day it's like 'today's scene was amazing' and I think that's what keeps me going. That's what makes me forget about the pain and the fatigue of what I'm going through because it is so rewarding, the feeling of just nailing a shot, nailing a scene. And it makes my day."

She continued, "It's like every day phenomenal. And that's how I feel being on both sets every single day. There's never a dull day." —ETimes

'Was pushed into a corner in Bollywood'

After spending almost two decades in Hindi cinema, actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas says she decided to move to Hollywood as filmmakers back home were "not casting" her and she needed a break from the exhausting politics of the industry.

"I had beef with people," Priyanka said on the comedy podcast "Armchair Expert" with Hollywood actors Dax Shepard and Monica Padman.

When Shepard asked what made her start from scratch in an unknown territory, the actor said she had never spoken about the reasons in public before. "I've never said this, so I'm going to say it because you all make me feel safe..." she began.

The National Award winner said she was in the zone of being a "serious actor" and not doing "mega movies" when she got a call from her current manager Anjula Acharia while on the Coorg set of Vishal Bhardwaj's 2011 movie "7 Khoon Maaf".

"I was being pushed into a corner in the (Hindi film) industry. I had people not casting me for reasons, I had beef with people, I am not good at playing that game so I kind of was tired of the politics and I said I needed a break," Priyanka, who started her career in Los Angeles as a singer in 2012, told Shepard and Padman. —PTI